

What a very busy two weeks we've had!!! This week I've gotten to know your child's work habits, personalities, and attention spans... For most of the children, it has been an easy transition back to the stamina it takes to be in the classroom working again! However, for some of the children, it has been difficult to get back into the groove of being in school all day working on academics.

Here are some important reminders/information:

- We are in need of a room-mom ASAP. PTA is having a meeting soon and would love for one representative from each class to be at the meeting. The room-mom typically helps with our poster, fall festival basket, and our 2 class parties (winter and end of year). Please let me know if you are interested.
- Please make sure your child has a **healthy snack** to eat at school every day. We eat snack directly following Specials at 10:15am. Items such as yogurt, cheese, crackers, pretzels, fruit, etc... are a fantastic way for them to keep their energy up until our lunch time which is at 11:35am every day.
- If you have not received the **weekly digital newsletter from Ms. Carlock**, there are two ways that you can sign up:
 1. Go to this website: <http://ui.constantcontact.com/d.jsp?m=1118656444599&p=oi&id=preview> and enter your email address.
 2. Text TIMBERLAKES to 22828 and then it'll ask for you to enter your email address.Make sure you are registered to receive these newsletters. Ms. Carlock is always sharing important information weekly.
- This is the last week we will be modeling how to take any of our quizzes/tests. **All classwork, quizzes, tests, etc... will count as a grade in Progress Book starting next week.** Also, please remember that homework is also taken for a grade. I've already had students missing a day or two of math homework this week. :0(- We will be starting our **multiplication** unit next week in Math. Please make sure your child is studying his/her time tables and knows them automatically. Multiplication tables were introduced at the end of 2nd grade and the expectation is that the children were working on them over the summer. We have begun taking one minute math quizzes/drills to see how your child is progressing with this. We have already practiced taking these timed quizzes. These math drills will count as a grade beginning next week. There are many fun ways to practice their time tables. The children can use flash cards, regular cards, and many computer games/sites are also geared towards this. Attached you will find a picture of another fun way to practice their time tables. They are called "Wrap Ups" and can be found on Amazon and many other websites/stores.
- This Friday, August 25th we will be having our "**Summer Packet Breakfast.**" If your child completed the summer reading/math packet correctly and turned it in during the first 2 days of school he/she already received an invitation to our breakfast. It will be held in my classroom at 8:10am. If your child completed this packet and received an invite please make sure they are in the front office by 8:05am but not earlier than 8am. A teacher will come down to get them to bring them upstairs to the classroom. Siblings are not allowed to be left in the front office with the 3rd graders.
- I have noticed several children arriving to school after the 8:45am bell. If they arrive to school after the 8:45am bell it is considered a "**tardy**" and they will **not** be eligible for "Perfect Attendance" when it comes time for our Honor Roll Assembly. The children come up from the cafeteria and go into our classrooms by 8:35am.

We begin our Morning Work immediately. Please try to get your child to school by that time so they are not feeling rushed or overwhelmed first thing in the morning.

- **Your child's homework packet is due on Friday morning!** He/she will be receiving their new **Homework Packet** this Friday too. To complete the Homework Packet your child must be reading at home for at least 20 minutes per night and filling in their reading response log. There is a **monthly menu** to choose from when it comes to their responses. You will find the menu in their binder, in the Homework section. They need to complete 4 days of reading responses per week from this menu (one appetizer, two main courses, and one dessert). If you know your child has a busy weekday schedule and you'd like them to start the homework packet on the weekend, please do so. That is why I always send it home on Friday so the children can get a head start on it. The homework packet will be collected every Friday morning, graded, and will count towards their reading grade.

- As for the **spelling and vocabulary practice**, they have a sheet in their binder (in the homework section) for each of the topics (spelling and vocabulary). It gives them a choice of different activities they can do to study their spelling and vocabulary words. I will not be grading the spelling/vocabulary practice but remember that they will be held accountable (with quizzes/tests) for knowing these words. Please make sure they are studying them for a few minutes every night.

- The children have **daily math homework** from Monday – Thursday night. Please make sure your child is completing the math homework correctly. The math homework is checked daily in class and counts towards your child's math grade.

- **We write in the planners each day so please remember to look at it every night and sign it.** All homework as well as other communication should be put in the binder that your child brings home daily. It is very important that your child return that binder to school each day. Please remember to send all monies (lunch, t-shirt, etc.) to the school in an envelope. On the envelope please write my name, your child's name, and what the money is to be used for. Also, please try your best to send a check or put the exact amount of money due in the envelope. It is very difficult for me to find change for the amount due.

- If you have not done so, please become an **"Additions" volunteer** (www.volunteer.ocps.net). Please remember that you must be an "Additions" Volunteer to be able to come and help out in the classroom, go on trips with us, attend any school functions, and even come to eat lunch with your child (children). Also, please keep in mind that parents are only allowed to eat on campus with their children on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

- **Birthday parties** are not allowed in our school. You may, however, drop off cupcakes that we can give out during recess while we sing "Happy Birthday" to your son/daughter.

Here are some important dates/reminders:

- - Monday, September 4th – **Labor Day (No School)**
- - Thursday, September 7th – Guidance Advisory Committee (**GAC**) at 5:30, Student Advisory Committee (**SAC**) at 6:00, and **PTA** meeting at 7pm in the Media Center
- - Friday, September 8th – **Grandparent's Day Breakfast**
- - Monday, September 11th – **Patriot's Day Assembly** (more information to come)
- - Thursday, September 14th – **Open House** (more information to come)
- - Friday, September 22nd – **Fall Picture Day** (more info to come)

Here's a message from Ms. Diana Martin, our PTA Treasurer: Good afternoon everyone! Please share with your parents/class our annual Grandparents Day Celebration on Friday, September 8 from 8:35-10 AM. RSVP is required (they can Email me at treasurer@timberlakespta.com), and only Grandparents are permitted to join their grandchild(ren) at this event. I am attaching the event's flier to this Email. Thank you all! If you have any questions about the Grandparents Day Celebration, please contact Ms. Martin at the email provided. (see attachment)

If you have any questions about anything at all, please do not hesitate to email/contact me. I know that every year is very different.

Thank you and have a great day!!! :0)

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